

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 3 beginning on line 22 with the following paragraph:

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a method of skin care which has an action such as improvement of moisture and tension of skin and prevention and amelioration of, e.g., rough skin and fine wrinkles by orally ingesting a specific skin care ~~ament~~ agent.

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 4 beginning on line 19 with the following paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the skin care agent comprises chitinoligosaccharide and the above-mentioned natural-type N-acetylglucosamine, wherein the chitinoligosaccharide is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 20 % by weight and the natural-type N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight. The skin care ~~ament~~ agent may further contain an ingestible carrier, as the case requires.